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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, May 24, Christian Association Meetings. Billings, Miss Thompson, preparation for Communion.
St. Andrews, Miss Tufts. Preparation for Communion.
Friday, May 25, Open meeting of the Equal suffrage League. Address by Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, at Billings at 7:30.
Meetings of the Language Clubs.
Saturday, May 26, Studio Recital given by Society Tau Zeta Epsilon, at the Barn at 7:30 and 8:30 (Invitation guests).
Sunday, May 27, Morning Chapel, Speaker Dr. Gains Glenn Atkins.
Vespers. Special music.
Tuesday, May 29, 4:15 Crew Competition.
7:00 Step Singing, 1917 give up the Steps.
Wednesday, May 30, Decoration Day. Full Holiday.
Thursday, May 31, Christian Association Meeting. Installation of Officers, at Billings.
Friday, June 1, Alternate date for Crew Competition.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

The Equal Suffrage League has been most fortunate in procuring Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Editor of The Woman's Journal and one of our most thoughtful and practical suffragists, to speak at their open meeting in Billings Hall, Friday night, May 25th at 7:30. The recent progress of suffrage both abroad and in the United States has been so rapid that even most interested people despair of keeping up with it. Miss Blackwell has kept up with it and will tell us what the war has done for suffrage and what it can do for war. She is very witty as well as very well-informed and will interest everyone, whatever may be her stand on the suffrage question. There will be opportunity for questions afterwards and we hope that everyone will come and satisfy any lingering doubts she may be cherishing as to suffrage for women.

A GARDEN PARTY AFTER ALL.

A real Garden Party is to be held in the afternoon and evening of Saturday, May 26, on the adjoining estates of Dr. Wiswall and Mr. W. H. Blood on Grove Street, Wellesley. The college and Dana Hall are to have parts in the afternoon entertainment and in the evening there will be social dancing for everyone.

The tickets, which are being sold for the benefit of War Relief and the Rebuilding Fund of the Congregational Church, may be obtained in college houses from the girls who have charge of Red Cross work. They will be on sale at the Elevator Table from 9-4:15 on Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25. The Prices are

Afternoon $.50, Evening $.75.

Tickets bought at the gate will be $1.00 for both afternoon and evening.

(Signed) Mary Wardwell.

ELECTIONS.

Society Presidents 1917-1918.

Agora ..... Elizabeth Osgood
Alpha Kappa Chi ..... Louise Stockbridge
Phi Sigma ..... Elsa Graefe
Shakespeare ..... Helen Swormstedt
Tau Zeta Epsilon ..... Henrietta Mackenzie
Zeta Alpha ..... Margaret Goldschmidt

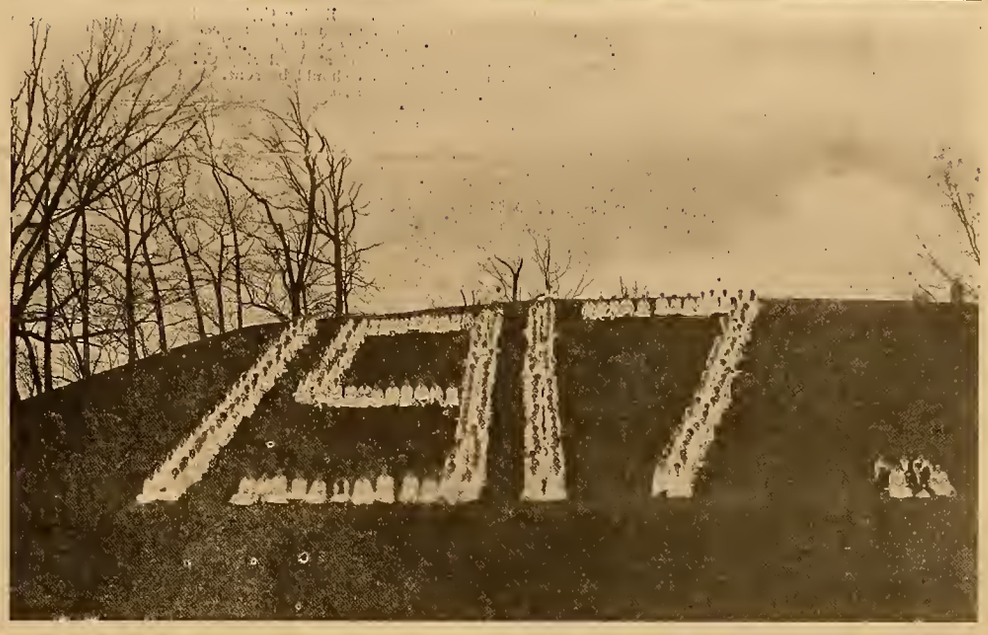
EX-PRESIDENT TAFT TALKS ON THE LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

Resuming a talk hastily interrupted two years ago, Ex-President Taft reviewed the present situation of the United States, in Chapel on Sunday morning, May 20, emphasizing particularly the relation of the present war to the League to Enforce Peace, which, he declared now becomes the object of the war. Mr. Taft's address was, in short, a search for, and exposition of the reason behind all the useless pain, a reason which he found in the fact that the war affords a most valuable lesson to the human race, and one which we must not shrink from learning and from disseminating, that lesson being that *no nation* should have or exercise in the family of nations a power which is a threat to the peace of the world.

Briefly reviewing the events from the startling outbreak of the war in August, 1914, Mr. Taft pointed out that it had been absolutely imperative for the honor of the country and the welfare of the people that we enter the war. "No other alternative than war was open," he said, "if we proposed to be a nation, organized to protect the rights of our citizens, and to uphold the right to the first rank among nations which we had won in 1860 by making supreme sacrifices for our principles. In upholding this vindicated principle of democratic rule, the great democracies of the world, including England and Italy," where, he said, "the people do in reality rule, are arrayed against the military autocraey comprised of Austria-Hungary and Germany whose aim to overcome the world by fixing her will upon it must be frustrated."

After pointing out the injustices imposed by a volunteer system, Mr. Taft made a strong plea for loyal support of the government, asking that we show the character of our people by giving to the government our support by displaying our belief in its credit and in the justice of its cause.

In the course of his speech Mr. Taft voiced a sentiment fervently echoed in the hearts of his hearers, saying that he "hoped to come in some later time to give the final chapter of his speech in Victory."



The Numerals on May Day

MISS EDITH WYNNE MATTHISON.

On Friday evening, May eighteenth, at eight o'clock, Wellesley College had the great privilege of hearing Miss Edith Wynne Matthison. Miss Matthison is one of the most charming of all the speakers Wellesley has had and her subject was one of the most interesting. As Miss Bennett remarked in her introduction there is perhaps no one who has given us more happy hours during our college years than William Shakespeare, and to hear Shakespeare interpreted by Miss Matthison is indeed something no one can well afford to miss. Miss Matthison read from the first three acts of *Twelfth Night,* remarking whimsically by way of introduction that this play gave an excellent opportunity to contrast love with love-sickness. Her impersonation of the various characters was masterly; she made each character live and made us wonder why any scenery was necessary after all, or why a cast of one person was not quite as satisfactory as the usual lengthy and complicated one. She brought vividly before us the amorous duke whose love-sick sighs were beginning to bore his long-suffering court; Viola, clever and sad, who wooed her master's lady for him so loyally, though she would have much preferred to woo him for herself; proud Olivia scornful of the love of the duke, yet unaccountably humble in her love for the disguised Viola; Malvino, full of the dignity and importance of his office; all these characters of Shakespeare's enjoyable comedy came before us last Friday night and played their parts for us as we watched Miss Matthison.

After the play Miss Matthison read from Shakespeare's sonnets. Some of those she read were not as generally well known as others but the hearty applause after each one showed that the audience appreciated and enjoyed them nevertheless. Before each sonnet Miss Matthison paused until she had put herself into the very spirit of the poem. Her mood changed with that of each sonnet and her interpretation of each was perfect. These sonnets completed Miss Matthison's program but the applause for her was so sincere and hearty that she finally consented to come back, saying smilingly that she would read us "something not Shakespeare's." The "something not Shakespeare's" was O'Shaunnessy's *Ode* beginning:

"We are the music makers
And we are the dreamers of dreams."

She read this splendid poem with great feeling and power. Again and again the applause

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"GIVE UNCLE SAM YOUR VACATION."

What we are going to do with our summer vacation is a question that must be answered soon. Most of us realize that we cannot indulge in the gay and care-free round of pleasures that we have been used to, but few of us realize just how serious this vacation is going to be. At college we are, to a great extent, out of contact with the world at large, and this makes it even more difficult for us to comprehend the present national situation. Our country is facing a great crisis and it does need not only the moral support, but the active service of every American. There is work for us to do, and our vacation is the time to do it in. This does not mean that we are to devote our energies merely to knitting sweaters. Let us knit sweaters, but let us do a great deal besides that. This summer the government can keep millions of people occupied in its various departments, and it is up to us to be among the millions working for it. If less fortunate women and girls can give their week or ten days to their country, can we not give at least a part of our three months vacation? It is for us to realize that our time is not our own, but our country's, and when she demands it we should give willingly, gladly. First, then, let us understand that our country needs each one of *us*, and then let us devote some of the weeks usually spent in idleness to some "job" where the government needs us. Thus we may feel that we have had at least a minute part in serving at this time of great need.

HEADLINES—AND FURTHER INTO MATTERS.

We are encouraged both by public opinion and by the convenient sale of newspapers to read the daily press. The stress and excitement of events compels most of us to have at least a headline knowledge of the great affairs of the world. But these headline thrills fade very soon from our memory, and the result is an inexcusably superficial acquaintance with current events. Even for those who read the newspapers more completely, it is hard to follow concisely, to correlate on conflicting statements, and to realize the significance of what is going on.

This is a plea for more intensive and thoughtful war reading. And it is not in the daily newspapers, valuable as they are, that we can acquire a sympathetic interest in the problems and significant questions which the war involves. It is rather, in the varied literary material, in new books of philosophical or biographical interest, in novels which bear on the vital issues, that a deeper knowledge is to be found. It is through a good book that we can gain a more coherent impression, a more intense appreciation. Profitable war books are numerous. They are in our reach in a most convenient manner. The Library has put at our disposal a War Shelf, devoted to the best and most vital literature. The material is varied enough to suit all tastes; there are all kinds of subjects treated, from abstract and theoretical discussions to the most vividly personal experiences. New additions are made from time to time.

We cannot afford to let this valuable opportunity pass. This issue of the NEWS contains a review (entitled *Flowers in the Mud*) of two recently acquired books which gives us an example of the type of reading that all may enjoy. Let us aim to show evidence of our interest by patronizing the War Shelf, and other war literature. We find that it will be not merely a profitable duty, but a pleasure; its reward is the development of our sympathy and a keener and a more appreciative comprehension of the great vital problems.

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I.

"COURAGEOUS THINKING"

College students, especially girls, are everywhere asking, "What can we do for the war." For one thing we are pre-eminently filled—to think, and let us add to that to think *courageously*. Surely no sacrifice is too great for us when we have thought things clearly through to the finish. And yet it is possible that we have not yet recognized our supreme chance. We purchase a new hat, because we are tired of our rose-colored one; we invest in a perfect dream of a waist, because it was irresistible in the shop window; and last of all we sit down to innumerable drug-store concoctions to pass away the time pleasantly. Undoubtedly, there is pleasure in it all, but does it involve a careful, broad-minded consideration which comes from the big and vital impulses which our knowledge of what is now going on should spur us on to? If we persistently face the issue, and put on one side of the balance the personal indulgences we so easily yield to and on the other, as we must do, the children, the very future of Belgium, can we take our seats even in the second balcony at such a price? E. A.

II.

HOUSE YOUR BICYCLE?

All owners of bicycles would like a place to keep them dry in rainy weather, and all non-owners hate to see the campus littered up with bicycles thrown here and there. A shelter afforded by canvas roofing and stalls of some kind behind the library makes both an economic and aesthetic appeal. Afterwards we would pray for some device whereby bicycles could be more safely entrusted to that place, than our umbrellas can be entrusted at present to the public racks.

G. D. '18.

III.

TO SERVE—HOW?

All the world knows from the daily papers that Wellesley girls have mobilized "for service." The alumnæ know also, from the frank questioning in the "News," that some of the thousand enthusiastic recruits are wondering just how they can best use (during the summer especially) the physical and mental fitness they are acquiring. Many ways have been suggested, but may one alumna make so bold as to remind you of something you know already—that one way in which college girls can serve the ideals of freedom and democracy is by furthering the concrete expression of those ideals within the country? You cannot do a great deal as individuals, perhaps, but you can get in touch with organized constructive effort, and even if you cannot create an atmosphere of intelligent public opinion, you can at least be one (1) unit of well-informed public opinion, which is so much clear gain, both for yourself and for your community.

1. You can help to prevent the breaking down of laws for the protection of children and industrial workers. If you cannot actually work with the Consumers League, or the American Association for Labor Legislation, you can appoint yourself a Publicity Committee of one to inform your friends of the danger of retrogressive legislation. Many people do not know that such action is being taken, and might welcome a chance to serve their country by helping to maintain the hard-won standards of industry.

2. When a Society for the Relief of the Dependents of Soldiers is organized in your home town, you can refuse to become a member, and can insist that in a democratic country all such aid should be given by the government in the form of adequate pay or pension. Your refusal to join will probably not affect the Society, because (*a*) people like to give charity, and (*b*) it is not easy to persuade "those in authority" that when a man gives his life for his country, the least the country can do is to see to it that his family is not forced to accept the bitter bread of charity. But your protest will be of two-fold service—you will decrease the ranks of the Society by one and increase the ranks of the other side by the same number.

3. Most important of all, you can be tolerant, and help to create an atmosphere of tolerance. If there is one thing above all others for which college people should stand, it is respect for the ideals and convictions of others. Perhaps it is too much to expect of even college people in America that they accord to those who differ with them the same freedom of thought and action they demand for themselves. It is difficult for us to get away from the old Puritan interpretation of freedom, especially at times when feeling runs high. But if we believe passionately in an ideal, we will not give it up merely because the way in which someone else practises it excites our disapproval. College people having been (supposedly) "broadened" by their college training ought to guard with especial jealously the freedom of those with whom they disagree *to* disagree with them.

4. And so ad infinitum. There is the problem of moral conditions in the training camps, the problem of the Americanization of aliens, and of the increase of juvenile delinqueney due to the fathers' absence. If you are in or near a city and wish to do something more concrete than create public opinion you might take youngsters on "hikes" or teach a foreign woman English. Be not deterred from doing anything at all by the fact that you cannot do much. Even the Russian revolution was made possible only by the devotion of individuals to their ideals in the face of almost certain death. And that same measure of devotion will be exacted of you today. You may not be called upon to face death for your ideals, but you may meet with a chilling apathy or a polite amusement, compared to which certain death would be a small matter. K. V. E., 1916.

IV.

PLEASURE AND PATRIOTISM

Nine hundred girls have been enlisted for more than a week. One can still notice a difference in the topics of conversation, but can one see a difference in the lives of the majority? They show enthusiasm over drilling; they conform to the mobilization plan when convenient, but, if it interferes with their pleasure, they say, "we must not

be too serious in sticking to the letter of the law." Of course we should not think too much of the "letter of the law," but not because we do not want to think of the law at all, but because we are thinking of the spirit. The plan means that we should develop a sense of proportion about our time, and plan our days sanely and thoughtfully; it is not a strange new plan for the national crisis, but one which we should always have followed anyway. But those who do not follow the plan now that they have promised, not only are they liars, but they are unpatriotic.

I was quite shocked the other day to find that we were to have food at "open house." "But we must have some recreation," I was told. Does recreation mean food? Then I began to count up. Suppose that a society house is used three times a day for parties, and that each party costs $1.00 (though I think both figures are really higher than this), and that a few extra dollars are spent for food for open house or vespers. $25.00 will be spent in each society house a week. $150.00 in all six society houses each week, and more than $600.00 each month, all for unnecessary food. Perhaps a little of the food goes to outside guests, but most is eaten by us who have meals bought and paid for in the dormitories, and our absence from meals does not mean an appreciable saving.

"But money must be kept in circulation," I have been told. The money would be quite as much in circulation if sent to feed the starving Belgians, or Armenians or Poles. Even money "in the bank" is in circulation.

But you wouldn't close the society houses! They are so "homey." No, but can't we go into a society house without having a "party?" Does "home" mean "eating?"

I have never understood why people had to go so out of their way for recreation, there has always seemed so much happiness along the way. But if we must seek pleasure, cant we find it in anything but food; is this a college of gluttons?

This is a national crisis, and there is great scarcity of food. Are *we* going to plant potatoes and eat strawberries? Can't we learn to live sanely and simply? Aren't we going to develop a sense of proportion and be patriots?

M. S. 1918.

V.

WHO ARE THE SLACKERS?

Why should we "enlist" under a plan not only pledging ourselves to live a normal life but pledging ourselves, too, to attend chapel regularly and to drill? Most of us admit that we ought to lead more efficient lives. Signing the enlistment blank has not made girls do this because they are interpreting it to please themselves. I have picked out chapel attendance and drilling as most representative of the things in the mobilization plan which very few people can follow out. Many girls do not believe in going to chapel. Others feel that their time can often be more advantageously used in studying from eight o'clock until a first class. Moreover what has chapel to do with physical efficiency? Much more important, however, is the consideration of the drill. Of course outdoor exercise is an excellent thing. But if girls have an hour a week to spend in helping their country, why should they spend it on themselves alone, especially at a time when there is so much important work to do. If girls feel that for physical efficiency, they need more exercise than they already have, there is out-door work in the form of farming that they can do right away. Many girls are already helping Mr. Woods "farm." But new gardens could be started to anticipate the shortage in food that experts tell us is coming. Squads of the girls living near Wellesley could be organized to keep them weeded during the summer. This would be hard work but it would be accomplishing something useful. Do not let us keep a pledge according to various "broad" interpretations and by doing this and drilling an hour a week think we are doing a wonderful thing for the United States! Let us get to work! The mobilization plan was meant either to get everyone together working for one end or to gain individual personal efficiency. The broad interpretations nullify either aim.

Call us slackers if you will but we who have not "enlisted" have thought it over seriously. We either do not believe in it or we feel that our time can be more advantageously used in other ways.

The third part of the plan, namely, the study of problems of international peace and reconstruction, is an excellent idea. A meeting to consider a plan for such study was held in Stone Hall before the mobilization plan was known. Six people attended! Let us hope that signing their names to the mobilization plan will increase the number at the next peace meeting.

1917.

FLOWERS IN THE MUD.

To those who are more interested in the spiritual implications of the great war than in the description of battles one would like to recommend two books recently received by the library.

The anonymous writer of "Lettres d'un Soldat" was a young French artist of high courage and keen sensibility, and in these letters one sees him moving amid the horrors and brutalities of warfare with something of the spiritual aloofness of the Maid of France. Writing daily, almost hourly, to the mother whom he adores, he dwells upon the beauty of the landscape even in its desecration in language of such limpidity and charm that the artist's vision is imparted to the reader as clearly as in other circumstances it might have found expression on canvas. "I have tried to gather flowers in the mud, keep them in remembrance of me," he writes, and again, "My happiness is in having been able to keep on telling you that all is not ugliness." Steadily he keeps to his self-appointed task of living only in the present moment, but with eyes fixed on the eternal. Now and then the veil is lifted for a moment on the inner conflict, but mostly one must read between the lines the suffering and struggle that brought him out upon the heights of faith. In the very midst of a battle, he writes his paean of triumph and renunciation: "I have no idea what a new life may be; I have only the certainty that we are creating life. For whom and for what time? No matter. What I know, certified to me from the depths of my inmost being, is that the harvest of the French genius will be gathered in, and the intellectuality of our race will not suffer from the heavy blows which have been dealt to it . . . . This is the real sacrifice; to give up the hope of being the standard bearer. It is fine for the child at play to carry the flag; but for the man, let it suffice to know that it will be carried whatever happens."

Donald Hankey, the author of "A Student in Arms," was an Englishman educated at Sandhurst and Oxford, receiving the training of a soldier at the one place, of a thinker at the other. Serving both as officer and as private in the ranks he had plenty of opportunity for observing his fellows, and was peculiarly fitted by training and temperament to depict from the inside the spiritual reaction of the British soldier to the war. Of his comrades he writes, "They have been salted with fire. They are the living proof that pain and suffering are something more than sheer cruelty—rather the conditions that turn human animals into men and then into saints and heroes fit for the Kingdom of God."

With such as these "Uscimmo a riveder le stelle." Both writers have fared bravely forth to continue their quest beyond the blood stained battlefields, but the flowers of the spirit which they have gathered there remain for our comfort and hope.

E. D. R.

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GIVE UNCLE SAM YOUR VACATION.

The United States Government will receive the services this Summer of nearly 5,000,000 men and women, if the "Vacation Service" movement started here is carried out according to the plans originated by Professor Francis B. Crocker, formerly of Columbia University and a past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The movement means that the Government will receive about 10,000,000 weeks, or more than 192,300 years of the time of these men and women, who will give their vacations to their country as their patriotic duty.

"This war is the most serious crisis the United States has ever faced—the work of every man, woman and child is needed to bring it to a successful conclusion. Every hour given to the Government is an hour gained in bringing the war to an early end. Understanding this, the 'Vacation Service' movement was started. Everyone in the United States that takes a vacation, and it is estimated that there are five million such, can do his or her bit by giving their two weeks to Government work.

"Thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of these are specialists in their various trades or professions—they can give the services of experts. Others can put in their time on the farms helping to solve the vital food problem of the world. There are hundreds of other tasks in which these patriots could help their country.

"Every person willing to do this should apply to the nearest Government depot or arrange to spend their vacations on the farms."

A CUP OF COCOA.

Madame Dupriez's treasure-box, in the English Literature office, had received up to Saturday noon, May 19, $252.61. IT IS STILL THERE. Generous contributions have come from the Mandolin Club, from *The Worn Doorstep*, from the Milton class, from Freeman, and additional gifts from Stone. The money comes in checks and bills, by muckles and by nickels, by coppers till the box o'erspills, by quarters, dimes and nickels. All welcome!

K. L. B.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

(In the future this column is to be confined to personal items concerning students, faculty, and others on our campus or closely associated with the college. Please send notes of interest to the Editor at the News Office, Chapel basemen, or drop in the contribution box on the News bulletin before 9.00 A. M. Monday).

Two Prizes for Wellesley.

Helen MacMillin has been awarded second place in the Essay contest in the Competition of the Association of Northern College Magazines. The title of her Essay is "Imagism." She is the only Wellesley girl to appear in the roll of honor of this contest.

Wellesley has been honored this year by having one of her students receive the second highest honor in the competition for the William H. Baldwin prize for essays submitted on the subject of "Tendencies in Municipal Budget Making." The first prize of one hundred dollars went to Albert Elmer Marks of Harvard, and the second, honorable mention, to Wilhelmina Josopait, 1918. The judges were Dr. B. E. Schultz of the New York Training School for Public Service and Mr. Frederic B. Greenberg of the Philadelphia Bureau of Municipal Research.

Alnah James Wins Scholarship.

The Economies Scholarship offered by Mr. de Schweinitz on behalf of the Charity Organization Society of New York, to study the work of the New York Charity Organizations, and the city's industrial life and needs, has been awarded to Alnah James, 1918, with Mildred Lauder as alternate.

Spanish Club Elects Officers.

The last meeting of the Circulo Castellaño was held Friday, May 18, in the Pit. The elections for next year are Grace Chadwick, president; Marion Bracket, vice-president and treasurer; and Mary Francis, secretary.

Miss Manship of the Hygiene Department will be instructor in Esthetic Dancing at Dartmouth College, Summer Session, July 9th to August 14th.

Marie Fentzlaff, '17, was married in New York City on Friday, May 18, to Walter Hinrichs, Columbia University. She will take her degree with her class, returning to Wellesley for graduation week. Both Marie and her husband rowed stroke on their college crews.

A tea was given at Shakespeare house on Friday afternoon, May 19, in honor of Miss Edith Wynne Matthison.

Phi Sigma, T. Z. E. and Shakespeare spent the week-end at the shore. Agora gave up its shore party and instead went down the Charles River Saturday afternoon, and Sunday walked to Pegan where vespers were held.

Students of zoology spent a delightful Saturday at Nahant climbing over and around tide pools and partaking of interminable lunches.

All-college tennis and golf tournaments are being played off as the weather permits.

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PHI SIGMA.

Given at the shore
Selections from Peer Gynt.
(Aets I, II, III and IV)

Peer Gynt .....Marian Sawyer
Ase, Solveig and other parts...Dorothea Bliedung

SHAKESPEARE.

Meeting given on the rocks at Rockford
"Much Ado About Nothing."
Act III, Scene 1.

Hero .....Helen Swormstedt
Margaret .....Olive Sheldon
Ursula .....Ruth Turner
Beatriee .....Mary Flournoy

Act IV, Seene 1.

Don Pedro .....Helen Snow
Don John .....Katherine Moller
Leonato .....Viola Rottenberg
Friar Francis .....Madeline Hicks
Claudia .....Katherine Scranton
Benedick .....Isabel Williams
Hero .....Elizabeth Evans
Beatriee .....Louise DuRelle

Act IV, Seene 2.

Dogberry .....Marion Scudder
Verges .....Esther Curtis
Sexton .....Eleanor Newton
First Witch .....Sara Porter
Second Witch .....Dorothy Rhodes
Conrad .....Margaret Wright
Borachio .....Ruby Hillman

AGORA.

Meeting postponed to Thursday, May 24.

ALPHA KAPPA CHI.

Two scenes from *The Story of Eleusis* by Louis V. Ledoux.

Peresphone .....Harriet Fuller
Cyane .....Julianna Tatum
Arethusa .....Frances Pettee
Galatea .....Helen Sautmyer
Hades .....Carrie Bowbeer
Hermes .....Helen Riee
An Old Man .....Esther Linton
A Woman .....Martha Parsons
The Newcomer .....Anna Mantz
A Young Man .....Anna Morse

Chorus

Bessie Kofsky Mildred Little
Jean Snyder Ethel Wells
Gertrude Greene

Music for songs written by Caroline Bergheim

ZETA ALPHA.

1. Clyde Fitch, His Place in American Drama.
Flora Lindsay
2. "The Truth," hy Clyde Fitch.
Acts I, III, IV.

Jenks, Servant at the Warden's ....Ruth Candlin
Eve Lindon .....Helen Page
Laura Fraser .....Margaret Brown
Beckey Warder .....Margaret Wilson
Fred Lindon .....Cora Lee King
Tom Warder .....Margaret Goldschmidt
Mrs. Crespigny .....Flora Taft
Mr. Roland .....Grace Cole

Reading and criticism of Act II
Martha Jane Judson
III. Summary of the Year's Work
Mildred Conrad

CORRECTION.

The 1917 Legenda Board wishes to correct an error made in giving the address of Miss Adele Schroeder. It is 5400 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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brought her back to bow and smile. None of those who heard Miss Matthison will soon forget her great power and her masterly interpretation, her voice and the charm of her personality.

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PERHAPS 1919 WOULD LIKE TO LEARN THE WORDS.

1.

War is very serious and we must do our share
To show them that we care
That we help them all we dare.
So-o let us turn to farming
And provide the soldiers' fare,
Let us learn to raise the vegetable.

2.

'17 you soon will leave the college life you led
Going forth instead,
To earn your daily bread.
If you really do expect to be properly fed
You'd better learn to raise the celery.

3.

Cabbages for '18 we should advocate as wise,
She can raise them if she tries
So they'll grow to quite a size;
Then we know that next year's heads
Will be just great, we surmise
They'd better learn to raise the cabbage head.

4.

Freshmen dear, we're judging you by all that we have seen
And we think that you will be keen
When you've worn off all the green;
But if ever toward the tree of knowledge
You expect to lean
You'd better learn to cultivate the bean.

5.

For us perhaps potato raising would be sane
But for us it is too tame.
To it we do not deign
For we're the class in college
That is going to raise the cane.
Sophomores are going to raise the cane.

STILL, WE HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING!

Is Ibid one of the writings of the Church Fathers? I see it referred to so often when reading my Bible lesson.

We are reading Aedipus wrecks, now, but I haven't yet found out what he is wrecking.

OPTIMISM.

Life's a reel, life's a burlesque
And the grave is not its goal
Everything just happens, happens
Till we tumbled in that hole.

SOMETHING WRONG!

He has tickets for the latest show,
And always knows just where to go
To get the *duckiest* things to eat,
Where one sees only the élite,
But—He's my room-mate's.

He gives me tea occasionally,
And gets my coat so gallantly.
He kisses me right in the station
As if I were a near relation!
But then, it's nice to have him near,
Even though it is quite clear
That—He's my brother.

WHICH PLEASE?

There said a precocious young kid
Who seldom does what she is bid
"My work is just punk
My exams I'll all flunk
If I don't do some work,"—and she did!

E. H.

PROSPECTIVE NURSES.

A teaspoonful of ginger will help—now what attack?
And effervescing soda cures—clear thought I lack.
A splint that's for a finger should extend—from where to when?
And, Oh, for fractured thigh bones—well that's beyond my ken.
A stimulant for shock—But be specific, please.
Does arsenic cure hiccoughs, or just a wheezy sneeze?
If only they'd asked me how to cure a broken spine.
But all their *little* questions were, of course, out of my mind.

M. M., '18.

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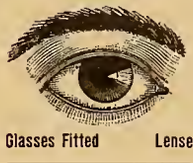
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RELIGIOUS NOTES.

At the Christian Association meeting held in Billings Hall on the evening of May 17, Dr. James F. Richards spoke on *The College Girl and the Church.*

An open discussion meeting on the subject: *What does good citizenship mean to you?* was led by Marie Wilcoxen at The Elms on Thursday evening, May 17.

Musical vespers were held in the chapel on Sunday evening, May 20.

THE NEW WAR RELIEF CHAIRMAN.

The chairman of the War Relief Committee for next year is Elizabeth Frost, 1919. The work undertaken by this committee has assumed such great proportions during the past year that it will be no slight task to carry on the various branches. However, the committee feel sure that with the new chairman the work will continue to extend and will prove a success in every way.

IN MEMORIAM.

The members of the Department of Botany wish to express their sorrow at the death of Miss Nellie Fosdick, and at the same time their realization of the precious memory left to them by her courage and cheer during the last months of her life.

Miss Fosdick was a graduate of Smith College, and was engaged in secretarial work for several years. She came to Wellesley in 1912 as Curator of the Botanical Laboratories. In 1915, readjustments in the work of the department led to Miss Fosdick's taking up the task of teaching, a task for which she was well fitted by her personality, her buoyant energy, and her sincere interest in the progress and welfare of her student;—and a task which she took up joyously and from which she gained much happiness.

But her happiness in her teaching was only part of Miss Fosdick's general keen enjoyment of life, when in January of the present year a slight accident led to the discovery of a fatal disease. With the full realization that she had but a short time to live, she took up her class-work again and continued part of this up to within three days of her death. Her courage was an inspiration to all who knew her—not the courage of a single spectacular occasion, but the courage of doing her set task day by day cheerfully and uncomplainingly in spite of suffering and of the knowledge that the end could not be far away. In the closing days of her life she might truly have applied to herself Henley's lines:

"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll;
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

(Signed) LINCOLN W. RIDDLE,
For the Department.

FROM MISS FOSDICK.

The following words, in a letter of March 28, should be precious to Wellesley:

"If illness brought no other blessings, the friends that are so kind and loving would amply compensate for the pain and weakness. Everybody is so dear and kind to me, so much is being done to make me comfortable and happy these last months of mine at Wellesley, that my heart is full to overflowing, and I feel that all my courage will be needed when I have to lay down my work. Now I am content and happy. The pain is yet so slight as to be almost negligible. Weakness increases, that is, weakness of body, but my friends are helping so wonderfully to keep the spirit strong and true."

APPOINTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Former students and members of the department of philosophy and psychology have accepted the following appointments:

Ethel Bowman, B. A., 1900 and M. A., 1907, recently instructor in psychology has been appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology at Goucher College. Miss Bowman will be in charge of the newly created department of psychology.

Marie T. Collins, 1913, in 1914-15 Assistant in Philosophy, has received a Sage scholarship in philosophy at Cornell University.

Margaret W. Landis, 1911, Hallowell Fellow in 1913-14, Assistant in Psychology and Philosophy, has accepted a position in the Yale University Library.

RECRUITS DISCUSS PERMANENT PEACE.

The Circle for the Study of Permanent Peace held its first meeting at Agora on Monday evening, May 21. The discussion was opened by Isabel Bassett, who outlined one of the plans that has been suggested, that of Royce. According to this scheme, a board of trustees, membership to which is open to all nations, shall insure all those nations against war, as against famine, earthquake and the like. Vera Hemenway then commented briefly on the pervading idea of nationalism as the chief obstacle to a permanent international peace. Not until each country reaches the point where it thinks in terms of the whole world and not merely its own state will a lasting peace be practicable. Miss Orvis gave a very excellent summary of the events that led up to the three great peace conferences of the 19th century, and showed the similarity of their results, in that in each case the interests of the autocrats were served, rather than those of the people themselves. A spirited discussion as to the possibilities of a permanent peace resulting from the present situation closed the meeting.

PRESIDENT PENDLETON SPEAKS OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA MEETING.

President Pendleton spoke in chapel on Saturday morning, May 19, about her visit to Washington, where she attended the meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at which Mr. Balfour, Ambassador Cecil Spring-Rice, and eleven associates were received as honorary members. President Pendleton emphasized the fact that while the occasion was purely academic, yet it stood for something more than education alone. She quoted Mr. Balfour as saying that study fails in its chief aim if it divorces itself from the vital forces of the times. Another thing President Pendleton spoke of was the gravity and sadness of each member of the British mission. Each man seemed to realize with full force the weight and importance of the momentous question of the war.

TREASURE ISLAND AT THE HOLLIS.

"Treasure Island" continues to be a dramatic magnet of great power at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, with audiences of absolute capacity proportions the rule. Actor-Manager Charles Hopkins has been compelled to alter his other arrangements and extend the stay at the Hollis beyond the fortnight first booked. But imperative considerations make it impossible to extend the run of the Stevenson-made play indefinitely and its stay is apt to be cut short abruptly, despite the popular rush for seats. No play of its type has ever been greeted with so marked a unanimity of critical and popular approval as has come to "Treasure Island." Its power to provide sheer entertainment, its picturesqueness, its humor, and its truly wonderful spectacular qualities have captivated every spectator. Not the least of the play's many merits is the absolute fidelity shown the famous Stevenson original—even to the point of conserving the brilliant literary qualities of the world's finest tale of youth, romance and adventure.

To avoid embarrassment to out-of-town patrons, special arrangements have been made to provide for mail orders. These will be taken care of in the order of their receipt and will have special consideration so far as is compatible with courtesy to those who buy at the box office. Seats are now on sale for the current week and for the week beginning May 21.—*Adv.*

Alumnæ Department

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALUMNAE!

In printing, this week, the class percentages of those alumnae who have paid dues to the Alumnae Association, attention is called to several facts:

1. That, *by vote of the Alumnae*, Commencement and Tree Day notices are sent to *those only who have paid the annual dues of one dollar*, exception being made in the case of reunion classes, to whose unpaid members these notices are sent by courtesy of the Association.

2. That the fiscal year, as indicated on your due bill, runs from September to September, which means that dues paid last June were for the current year—September 1915 to September 1916—unless otherwise specified. If you receive a due bill this year, it means that *your dues for September 1916 to September 1917 are unpaid.*

3. That out of about 5,350 alumnæ, some 2,300 have not yet paid *this year's* dues, although three notices have been sent. It is possible that some of these notices have gone astray because of the lack of correct addresses. The Alumnae Office asks your prompt support of the activities of the Association of which you are a member.

In case you have occasion to think that a mistake has been made in your account, the office will gladly look up and correct any error.

MARY B. JENKINS,
Alumnae General Secretary.

Class	No. Living Members	No. Paying Dues	Percentage
1879	15	10	66.6
1880	30	18	60.0
1881	17	10	58.8
1882	20	11	55.0
1883	40	18	45.0
1884	52	36	69.2
1885	41	22	53.6
1886	50	31	62.0
1887	54	27	50.0
1888	57	34	59.6
1889	76	37	48.6
1890	88	38	43.1
1891	90	41	45.5
1892	99	56	56.5
1893	107	51	47.6
1894	103	46	44.6
1895	112	56	50.0
1896	111	68	61.2
1897	137	61	44.5

TREE DAY.

Tree Day will occur on Saturday, June 2, but in a simplified form. The Tree Day exercises are not open this year to the public, but tickets for alumnae and former members of the College may be obtained from the Registrar, and will be ready for distribution May 28. A stamped and addressed envelope should be enclosed with the request.

Graduates of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics may also obtain tickets upon request.

A simple supper for alumnae and former students will be served after the exercises in the court east of the Administration Building. Tickets should be ordered in advance from the Registrar. The price will be fifty cents.

NEWS FROM NORTH CHINA.

The Annual Report from the Peking Y. W. C. A. for 1916 proves interesting reading and shows that Wellesley's representatives there have laid sure foundations for the future work. The following extracts will be of special interest.

"The fall months have been so full of the adventures of starting an Association that the earlier half of the year has faded as into a dim past. Yet the accomplished fact of the organization on the twenty-first of October, could not have been possible without the preparation of the spring . . . .

The first of May, a committee composed of four Chinese and five foreign women, representing the various denominations at work in the city, met to make plans looking toward the starting of the Peking Association sometime during the fall. At this first committee meeting plans were made for holding several drawing room meetings in different parts of the city to which groups of women should be invited, and the purpose and possibilities of the Association presented to them with the opportunity of signing as pledged members. Five such meetings were held before the end of June, resulting in a pledged membership of forty-five, of whom the large majority were Christians. A special effort was made to secure as large a Christian group as possible, in order that through them the Association from the very first should be strong in Christian leadership. The cordial response which was met with at these meetings proved that the Association was something which was really wanted by the women of the city . . . .

Then we had to go out hunting for a house which should be large enough to accommodate our secretarial family and to furnish the necessary rooms for the future Association, and we soon found that our hands were full again. We scoured the city and looked at houses too small and houses too expensive; houses with no ventilation and houses with too much ventilation, but finally we decided on one which, though it needed quite a bit of alteration and repairing, was the best suited to our needs. It took most of the summer to get the contract legalized, but we were most fortunate in having the help of the Chairman of our Pre-organization Committee, who was experienced in all the intricacies of Chinese rental procedures.

Because of this we were able to get away for our vacations, and the latter part of August found us back once more interviewing carpenters, painters and electricians. The first of September we moved, and it was a day which should be spelled with capitals. Mirrors, pictures and waste baskets filled with dishes, loaded our rickshas; coolies carried the easily damaged pieces of furniture; the rest was piled promiscuously on mule carts, and in ten hours we were all transferred from Filial Piety Alley to West Temple Lane. For over three weeks we lived in confusion with the sound of carpenter's hammers beating an accompaniment to our every thought, but finally all was in order and we were able to hold more drawing room meetings, start our Bible classes, and make ready for the day of days which was to witness actual organization. The Christian membership was first called together to elect the Board of Directors and a week later came the real birthday of the Association, when eighty-three women came to share in the celebration. A detailed account of that joyful day would take too long, but it was a joyful day, and one of the things we were most thankful for, was having our National Secretary with us to help us get started in the proper way.

The following week an Educational Rally was held, resulting in a registration of over fifty for the various classes—English, Sewing, Gymnastics and Cooking. The enrollment for Bible study has not been as large as we want to make it, only forty-four, but as half of these are non-Christians we feel as though we were really getting at the ones whom we most long to help. There have been religious meetings, lectures, socials, committee meetings, calling and interviews, a few discouragements, but far more encouragements . . .

Then, we have six non-mission schools represented in the membership, which means access to one of the big fields open to the Association. There are nurses, doctors and women from official families as well, and they are all working and playing together. "Our Association" means that they have found a place where they can give as well as receive. And we have had not only a second Wellesley secretary, but the gift of a few months of the chairman of the committee for Wellesley work in North China. She has been an untold help in many ways and we know, as she goes back, that she will do even more than before at the home end. Our Chinese secretary,

Miss Ting, has been responsible in a large measure for the wonderful way in which the Association has gone forward. She is a young woman of rare ability and we are indeed fortunate in having her as co-secretary.

In a little over two months' existence, our membership has reached one hundred and thirty, and new members are constantly coming in, so our hope of having two hundred by the end of the first year seems in a fair way of being realized. But members are, after all, of least importance, if only the Association can be to the members a means of finding and knowing more fully the Christ, the supreme test will have been made and made successfully."

Here at home the contributions from alumnae for the North China work have come in well. The Committee has been able to meet its quarterly payments to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. promptly and has also paid the deficit of several hundred dollars which had been accumulating for a year or two. Our next payment of $350 will be due July 1st. Toward this amount $134 is in hand. Pledges due between now and July 1st should be paid promptly. The Committee also urges that overdue pledges, amounting to about $75, should be paid as soon as possible. There will still be an opportunity for new contributors to have a share in the work. Checks should be made payable to Wellesley North China Mission, and sent to Miss Eleanor Nagle, 141 Crafts St., Newtonville, Mass.

CALIFORNIA NOTES.

Professor Whiting writes: At last the dream of many years is fulfilled and I have seen the Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution, with its attendant shops, laboratories and offices in Pasadena. No wonder they wrest from nature her secrets, for the research staff of the Observatory consists of fifteen or twenty astronomers of consummate genius, assisted by the most skilled instruments makers, and a computing division of fourteen women, most of them graduates of colleges or state universities. Miss Elizabeth Connor and Ruth Stone, both of them loyal lovers of Wellesley, are among them. Miss Connor's mother gathered at her lovely home one afternoon all these women of the staff. I finally told them of some of the women in astronomy I had known.

It speaks well for these women, only a few of them primarily trained in astronomy, that they have not been willing to do mere routine measuring or figuring, ignorant of the relation their work bore to the great subject. They formed an uplift club and remained after hours to give or listen to papers on astronomical subjects. The enlightened spirit of the place is shown by the encouragement the management has given to this move. Not only do the astronomers give instructions to this Uplift Club, but they have invited them to be present at their weekly conference when someone speaks of his own line of work. Dr. Adams, now in charge, and Dr. Sears, superintendent of the computing division, arranged that I should go up the mountain on what is commonly known as the "Observatory Truck," and that Miss Connor should go with me to check up the library books on the mountain, and that we should camp in what is known as the Kapteyn Cottage, because it was occupied by a famous research assistant from Holland, now detained at home by the war. We had entertained the Kapteyns at Wellesley and I wrote a letter to Madam Kapteyn from the verauda of her cottage which she loved much, commanding a surpassing view.

The trip up the mountain is by a road, nine miles long, which winds in and out and around the deep canyons, ever upward, to the summit 6,000 feet above the sea. Seventy-five thousand dollars have been expended by the Carnegie Institution on this road to make it possible to take the heavy apparatus up from the shops. They have thrilling experiences doing this, and the most exciting will be taking up the hundred inch mirror for the largest teleseope ever made, which is priceless and weighs tons.

I visited the dome under construction for this. Many adjectives might apply to it, but one preeminently: It is immense.

I was in the dome of the sixty inch, when a photograph of a nebula of four hours exposure was being taken. It is pretty tedious work to keep one's eyes screwed on the guiding star so long, and one's fingers manipulating the electrical clock control.

I was in the observing tower of the hundred and seventy-five foot tower-telescope while a photograph of the solar spectrum was taken with light reflected from mirrors at the top of the tower to the spectroscope at the bottom of a cement well eighty feet deep, and back to the plate.

A thrilling experience was going up in the "bucket" one hundred and seventy-five feet to the mirrors. The view from this point was wonderful. So was that at night looking down upon the light of Los Angeles and Pasadena and outlying towns to the distant beaches.

We also saw through telescopes and with the naked eye many other objects, among them a comet with a fine little tail which you have probably been observing at Wellesley. And the stars higher than at Wellesley on account of lower latitude glittered in the clear mountain air.

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The theses offered in competition are to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Association and must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on the Prize, Dr. Lillian Welsh, Goucher College, Baltimore, Md., before February 25, 1918. The title page of each manuscript must bear an assumed name; and the writer must send with her manuscript, a sealed envelope containing her application blank and superscribed with her assumed name.

The Association reserves the right to withhold the prize, if the theses presented are not, in the judgment of the regularly appointed Board of Examiners, or by such specialists as they may choose, of adequate merit to deserve the award.

The decision will be announced at the annual meeting in April, 1918.

Requests for application blanks should be addressed to the Secretary.

President, Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Barnard College, New York; *secretary*, Ada Wing Mead (Mrs. A. D.), 283 Wayland Avenue, Providence, R. I.

NOTICE TO MUSIC LOVERS.

On Friday, June 1st, 7:45 P. M. a recital which promises to be delightful, is to be given at Eliot House, Walnut Hill School, Natick, for the benefit of the Music Fund of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Natick. The artists are: Mme. Martha Atwood-Baker, Mrs. Edith L. Bradford, Mr. Leverett B. Merrill, and Mr. James Ecker, who are well known for ability and charm. Tickets, $1.00, 75c, and 50c, may be obtained at the Registrar's office or from Miss Conant of the English Literature Department or at Walnut Hill School. Miss Conant will be glad to assist students to arrange for chaperonage.

ANTI-SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the College News:

I am asked by a group of Wellesley graduates and undergratuates to send you for publication in your paper an announcement of the formation of the College Woman's Anti-suffrage League of Massachusetts. Will you kindly give it space as of concern to college women and as a contribution toward the conscientious thrashing out of the issue of woman suffrage, that all intelligent women should desire as the means to a wise settlement of the question. The League has a membership of several hundred women resident in Massachusetts, representing Wellesley, Radcliffe, Smith, Wheaton, Mt. Holyoke, Simmons, Boston University, Vassar, Bryn Mawr and the University of Michigan. In several colleges anti-suffrage clubs already exist and there is a demand in the undergraduate bodies of other colleges for the opportunity for expression of Anti-suffrage sentiment. We hope this will likewise find expression and make its definite contribution to the intelligent consideration of double suffrage.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Herbert Lyman, *President*.
Readville, Mass., May 18th.